

AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT[21]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 163.1, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 65, “Animal and Livestock Importation,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment changes the time period for which an out-of-state Cervidae herd must be monitored from three years to five years. The proposed amendment also makes technical clarifications regarding the certificate of veterinary inspection for Cervidae other than chronic wasting disease susceptible Cervidae. The changes have been approved by the Farm Deer Council.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before 4:30 p.m. on June 8, 2010. Written comments should be addressed to Margaret Thomson, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Comments may also be submitted by fax to (515)281-6236 or by E-mail to Margaret.Thomson@IowaAgriculture.gov.

The proposed amendment is subject to the Department’s general waiver provision found at 21—Chapter 8.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 206.16.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 65.9(2) as follows:

65.9(2) Chronic wasting disease.

a. Cervidae originating from an area considered to be endemic for chronic wasting disease shall not be allowed entry into Iowa. Cervidae that originate from a herd that has had animal introductions from an area endemic to chronic wasting disease during the preceding five years shall not be allowed entry into Iowa.

b. CWD susceptible Cervidae shall only be allowed into Iowa from herds which are currently enrolled in and have satisfactorily completed at least ~~three~~ five years in an official recognized CWD monitoring program. The CWD herd number, anniversary date, expiration date, and herd status for each individual animal must be listed on the CVI.

~~c. One of the~~ The following statements statement must be accurate and listed on the CVI:

(1) ~~For CWD susceptible Cervidae:~~

“All Cervidae on this certificate originate from a CWD monitored or certified herd in which these animals have been kept for at least one year or were natural additions. There has been no diagnosis, sign, or epidemiological evidence of CWD in this herd for the past five years.”

~~(2) c. For Cervidae other than CWD susceptible Cervidae shall be allowed into the state only from herds which are currently enrolled in an official recognized CWD monitoring program. The CWD herd number, anniversary date, expiration date, and herd status for each individual animal must be listed on the CVI. The following statement must be accurate and listed on the CVI:~~

“All Cervidae on this certificate originate from a CWD monitored or certified herd and have not spent any time within the past 36 months in a zoo, animal menagerie or like facility, and have not been on the same premises as a cervid herd which has been classified as a CWD infected herd, exposed herd or trace herd.”

d. Each animal must have official individual identification, and all forms of identification must be listed on the certificate.